

HOUSE BILL 536

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 12 and Title 71, relative to the
department of human services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 12, is amended by
adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 4-3-1205.

(a) The department of human services shall develop and maintain, upon its web page on the world wide web of the Internet, information concerning its child care policies. The web page shall permit viewers of such page to submit questions to the department regarding its child care policies and for the written responses to such policies be published. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, relating to the procedures to be used in considering inquiries and expressing opinions, including procedures for classifying opinions or declining requests for opinions.

(b) There shall be formal opinions and advisory opinions, depending upon the inquiry. A formal opinion shall bind the department and the person requesting the opinion, and shall constitute a body of principles and objectives upon which members of the child care community can rely for guidance in many specific situations. An advisory opinion may be issued in regards to a unique or specific situation and is not binding on the department and shall offer no security to the person requesting it.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.